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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

This Bureau received allegations as early as 1954 that Clay Shaw, former managing director of the International Trade Mart in New Orleans, Louisiana, was a homosexual. One source informed this Bureau on March 19, 1964, that he has had relations of a homosexual nature with Clay Shaw. The source described Shaw as a brilliant and powerful man, given to sadism and masochism in his homosexual activities. On February 24, 1967, we received information from two other sources that information available to them led them to believe Clay Shaw has homosexual tendencies.

On February 24, 1967, we received information from two sources that Clay Shaw reportedly is identical with an individual by the name of Clay Bertrand, who allegedly was in contact with Dean Andrews, a New Orleans attorney, in connection with Lee Harvey Oswald, the facts of which are as follows:

On November 25, 1963, Andrews informed Agents of this Bureau that he had met Lee Harvey Oswald in late June, 1963, at which time Oswald appeared at his office with several individuals who impressed him as being homosexuals. Andrews claimed that Oswald requested assistance in making inquiries concerning Oswald's bad conduct discharge from the United States Marine Corps. Andrews further stated that Oswald asked him questions concerning the citizenship status of Oswald and his wife.

Andrews further stated that on the evening of November 23, 1963, at which time he was in a hospital in New Orleans under heavy sedation, he received a telephone call from an individual who said his name was Clay Bertrand. He added that Bertrand asked him if he would be interested in handling the defense of Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas, Texas, for the murder of President Kennedy.

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We conducted extensive investigation concerning the data furnished by Andrews and could find no supporting evidence that Lee Harvey Oswald ever visited Andrews' office. There was no record of Oswald in Andrews' files and his secretary could not recall Oswald ever having been to the office. In addition, we determined from Andrews' doctor that during the period Andrews was in the hospital he was seriously ill and was under heavy sedation. The doctor informed us that he did not believe Andrews was capable of using a telephone on November 23, 1963.

We questioned Andrews again on December 3, 1963, concerning his alleged association with Lee Harvey Oswald. On that date, Andrews stated that, after considering all the facts and discussing the matter with other members of his office staff, he believed the entire incident concerning the telephone call he received from Clay Bertrand could have been dreamed by him in view of his physical condition at that time.

We conducted extensive investigation in an effort to locate an individual by the name of Clay Bertrand but were unable to do so. Results of our investigation were furnished to the Warren Commission and Andrews was called as a witness before the Commission.